





## THE VAGRANT ACT.

The tramp nuisance has become a serious one in this country. The important question has been "How to abate it." The panic, the hard times, the lack of employment have driven thousands to begging their way through the land. Some are well disposed and willing to work if they can get a chance. Some have added to idleness recklessness and dissoluteness, and have become a terror to all communities. Our state legislature has attempted to remedy the evil by a well matured bill, which has already passed the house and will be likely to pass the senate. Its terms are quite severe, and if enforced will rid the land of both involuntary tramps and the dangerous classes which infest the larger cities and towns of this state. Moreover, if enforced it will be likely to materially diminish our population, ridding us largely of these elements. We can better spare them than any other state can receive them. The following description embraces those sought to be punished by the bill:

All persons who are idle and dissolute, and who go about begging; all persons who use any juggling or other unlawful games or plays; runaways, pilferers, confidence men, common drunkards, common night-walkers, lewd women and lascivious persons in speech and behavior; common rascals or browers; persons who are habitually neglectful of their employment or calling, and do not lawfully provide for themselves or for the support of their families; and all persons who are idle or dissolute, and who habitually mispend their time by frequenting houses of ill-fame, gaming houses or tipping shops; all persons lodging in or found in the night time in out houses, sheds, barns or unoccupied buildings, or lodging in the open air and not giving a good account of themselves, and all persons who are known to be thieves, burglars, or pickpockets, either by their own confession or otherwise, or by having been convicted of larceny, burglary or other crime against the laws of the state, and having no lawful means of support, or habitually found prowling around a steamboat landing, railroad landing, railroad depot, banking institution, broker's office, place of public amusement, auction room, store, shop, or crowded thoroughfare, cars or omnibuses, or any public gathering or assembly, or lounging about any court room, private dwelling houses or out-houses, or are found in any house of ill-fame, gambling house or tipping-shop.

The editor of the New York *Christian Advocate* takes little more stock in the Southern policy than some of his Boston brethren, and in a late issue of the paper summarizes the Louisiana situation as follows: "The Nicholas government has a probable income from general taxation of \$500,000. It has authorized \$900,000 of expenditures, and of this sum \$800,000 of scrip is issued as receivable for taxes. It cries down with the returning board and substitutes a board of canvassers with the same powers. The only difference is that this list is in the hands of the other party. It is to be hoped that Hayes will not let his Cabinet feed him on promises, empty names, and chaff."

BLAINE didn't include the Boston *Traveller* when he said the Boston papers didn't represent the stalwart Republican sentiment of New England. The *Traveller* says: "President Hayes and Governor Packard were elected by the vote of Louisiana, and the blunders who discredit Governor Packard's right by that act invite President Hayes to step down and out. There may be ways of dodging that fact, but they are not honest ways."

It seems to be concealed that in case of war Russia will move her armies through Roumania to the Danube—the northern boundary line of Turkey. But here she will meet a line of fortifications. The fortresses of Silistria and Schumla are spoken of as impregnable, and Rusechuk in the center, and Widin to the west, all on the river, are very strong positions. The first trial of strength may be on the Danube, or, as is intimated, Russia may use her Black Sea fleet to strike at another point.

The Secretary of the Treasury will do a good thing for himself and the service by reinstating Elmer Washburne chief of the secret service. He is a thoroughly honest and competent officer, and we have good reason to believe that his removal was secured by very unfair and improper influences. But as to Bluford Wilson, the ex-solicitor of the Treasury, there is room for grave doubt. His official conduct proved him a busy body, and his evidence under oath revealed the character of a contemptible Paul Pry. Civil service reform does not depend upon the vindication of Bluford Wilson.—*Inter-Ocean.*

## PROF. S. S. BALDWIN.

He Does Not Expose Because He Can't.

THE REPUBLICAN:—The great would-be exposé of the varied phenomena claimed to belong to spiritualism, has been with us, giving us an exhibition of his proficiency in his art of trickery; which, with his pleasing and affable address, wit, and the incidents he has in store to relate occurring in his profession, made it quite an enjoyable entertainment. But the show on paper distributed over town a week or so in advance was more awe-inspiring than he showed upon the operatic stage.

To many, no doubt, who were present at his entertainment, who had never attended a "spiritual show," he has displayed a most extraordinary exhibition of his proficiency in his art of trickery; which, with his pleasing and affable address, wit, and the incidents he has in store to relate occurring in his profession, made it quite an enjoyable entertainment. But the show on paper distributed over town a week or so in advance was more awe-inspiring than he showed upon the operatic stage.

Many knew that I had given some attention to the investigation of these phenomena, and since Prof. B.'s exposure of "I have been accosted with 'What do you think now?'—'busted splendidly, ain't it?' 'How are you Spiritualism?'—'gone higher than (mark the expression) the life of Becher's Christ.' Snuffing as though Prof. B.'s tricks with their explanation, and the peculiar emphasis on their interrogations had quashed spiritual phenomena, and driven the adherents of spiritualism (who can be counted by the millions) into absolute silence. To them, I would say specially, do not entertain the idea, let alone a thought of victory. They will not depart from that which demonstrates that man is a spirit, that that spirit is immortal, and can return after the change, named death, and hold intercourse with human beings on earth—that being all that true spiritualism is.

Now, before noticing some of his tricks—the most puzzling ones, let us run back to a letter of the professor's dated Aug. 21st, 1876, written at San Francisco, Cal., and printed in a Boston paper—the *Banner of Light*, over his own signature. In that letter occurs this: "My business is simply the exposure of spiritualistic humbugs." From the implication of his own language, he has nothing to say against the truthful workers in the cause of spiritualism.

Now let us notice the most puzzling tricks; viz., clairvoyance, independent slate writing, and materialization.

Now here we have three different subjects to dispose of: 1st. Clairvoyance.—The Prof.'s request to the committee to write several little "pellets" was readily granted. He required more than one to give him an opportunity to extract one from the many without notice, open it, read it, and this gave knowledge of the question written. Having this knowledge it was a trifling affair to put a few words together, forming a suitable answer to the question. What if the committee had refused to write more than one? Why, Prof. B. would have had to kneel, according to his own explanation, unless he was really possessed of clairvoyant powers. I have there are persons possessed of this power, who can read what is written on one little "pellet" thrown on the table before them. Hence the question arises, did he expose? If so, what?

2nd. Independent Slate writing.—The Prof. has an excellent faculty for arranging things to suit himself, placing the slate under the table out of sight and reach of the committee, doing the writing before the slate is returned for the committee to place their hands on it for the independent writing. What if the committee insisted on keeping close watch of the slate, not for a moment permitting it to get beyond their reach and sight, what would have been the result? Why, Prof. B. acknowledging, "beat at my own trick," and no expose. From his story how readily he detected Dr. Slade in his trickery, while the committee of the Theosophical Society in New York, after leaving no opportunity for fraud to be practiced, were satisfied of the genuineness of his mediumship, and so certified to a correspondent in St. Petersburg.

3rd. Materialization.—Prof. B. utterly failed in making an expose of this. When the spirit (Mrs. B.) walked out of the cabinet into the light, why did he not do as other celebrated mediums do: throw the doors of the cabinet open so as the materialization and the medium are seen at the same time,—both in full view. Now as he did not duplicate this as he promised he would and could, he plainly means, "I can't."

But as he claims, that he is only an exposé of "Spiritualistic humbugs," I leave him to his work, which must bring good to the true laborers and the cause.

J. C. LATIMER.

Decatur, Ill., April 18.

DISENTERESTED GOODNESS.

Washington Special to N. Y. Sun.

A report current this evening connects the name of Richard Smith, of Cincinnati, with the vacancy of the Spanish mission. That the attention of Richard Smith has been drawn to the fitness of editors for missions appears from the fact that while here last week he said to Col. Corbin, the president's assistant secretary, on taking his leave of him. "By the way, there is one thing I forgot to say to the president, that I wish you would say to him, that is, that the press ought to be recognized in these appointments. Now, there's Murat Halstead, I wish that he might have a foreign mission, and the foreigner the better."

Hemp Carpets are selling at 15 cents a yard, at March 9 [dit] LINS & SCHOENES.

## TIGHT, TIGHTER, TIGHTEST.

Par's Letter.

The "eel skin" dress is now the great rage both in London and Paris. In the wildest days of the tie-back or pin-back mania there never was seen such a tight dress in the matter of skirt as now prevails. Whatever the parity of folds in the pin-back in its frontier part, in the enormous exuberance of the panier de buste the balance was struck. But now not only is the bus a thing of horror, but even the necessary under-clothing is considered too drop. To lengthen the waist far beyond its natural proportions, a stiff webbing of elastic is fastened to the steps to the depth of half a foot; and to this, at first, narrow skirts were buttoned. But even this is now abandoned for another scheme to acquire slenderness. Miss Swishelton's much-ridiculed chemise is in demand, and garments made in this way are sold at the furnishing shops, and patterns of it pass eagerly from hand to hand among lady friends. Some ladies have had regular stage tights made in thick webbing, and over these they wear nothing but the outer dress, underskirts being simulated by plicated ruffles of white muslin, sewn to the edge of the dress, which is then tied back till the woman within is shackled almost like a convict in a chain-gang. No more uncomfortable fashion was ever devised; for not only are the limbs confined by the binding dress, but the wearer must constantly conceal herself about the condition of bodies, that portion being in incessant danger of turning itself up behind, wrong side out, like an umbrella in a wind-storm. The desired effect of youthful slenderness is generally obtained by the "eel-skin," but at a good deal of sacrifice of personal ease.

The war in Europe will prevent the usual spring and summer exportation of grain from Russia to England, and create an increased demand for American cereals. There are no official reports of the Russian grain trade later than the year 1875, but it appears that in that year the export from the north Russian ports was 13,861,373 hundred weights, valued at \$9,176,003. Another important item to us was the cessation of the lumber export from Russia to England. In 1875 this was valued at \$3,100,000, and as England will be forced to have lumber, war or no war, our Atlantic ports will have this much additional trade, to say nothing of about the same value as flax, and more than this amount of flax seed. England can very well stand the loss of her own export trade to Russia, since this is comparatively insignificant, but the stoppage of Russian exports to Great Britain will give American shipping another chance for life.

**Palatable Medicines.**—Ayer's Cherry Pectoral is a honeyed drop of relief; his Cathartic Pills glide sugar-sweet over the palate; and his Sarsaparilla is a nectar that imparts vigor to life, restores the health and expels disease.—*Waterbury (Pa.) Advertiser.*

A Complete Stock of Hats, Caps and Men's Furnishing Goods, now ready, at KLEINER'S Hat Store.

March 28—d&amp;w

**German Class.**—Miss Anna Holt will give lessons in German, in the room over Keeler's hat store, formerly Esq. Hughes' office. For particulars enquire at the rooms as above, from five to seven and a half o'clock, in the evening.

March 17—d&amp;w

WASHINGTON, April 17.—Additional posters are coming out here containing extracts from remarks made by President Hayes just after the November election, when he thought he was defeated, to the effect that he did not care so much for defeat for himself as for the poor negro in the South, who would suffer under Democratic rule. These extracts are placed after the manner of the extracts of Bryant's speech before the electoral commission, and with the same object. They are the work of a few dissatisfied Republicans.

The Cabinet had the Louisiana situation under consideration to-day again, but nothing was done. The advisers were that the commission had perfected no plan, but were hopeful of one before Thursday. Dispatches from New Orleans state that Gen. Rawley declares that it is possible the commission might be a week longer, as the members had determined to exhaust every effort to secure a harmonious adjustment of the legislature. A proposition of the Nicholas government to this end will probably be submitted to Packard tomorrow. If he rejects that, another may be made. As for securing any legal settlement through process of the State courts, Gen. Hawley says that it is out of the question, as the status of the Courts is just as much at issue as that of the legislature. Gen. Hawley says if the commission finally concludes that no adjustment can be effected, they will have nothing left but to report the fact to the President. If the mission of himself and his associates should prove a failure, the President will then determine whether to remove the troops or to detain them with a purpose merely to prevent the shedding of blood, but in no other manner to interfere between the contestants.

The discussion in the Cabinet to-day continued to indicate a purpose to call the extra session on the 14th of May, provided the Louisiana question was out of the way. The members of Congress urge as early a day as possible, as they desire to avoid all they can of June, which is one of the hottest months in this city.

## TELEGRAPHIC.

## HE SQUEALS.

THAT IS, TWEED, WHO WANTS HIS FREEDOM.

The Louisiana Question Still Unsettled.

KASSON TO GO TO SPAIN.

The Special Session.

Examining into the St. Louis Calamity.

New York, April 16.—Wm. M. Tweed, from his quarters in the Ludlow street jail, sends the Attorney General a proposition reciting that in return for the favor of liberty and rest, he will yield up all his property, and be a faithful witness on behalf of the people. He says he has suffered much and suffered long in silence, and has borne the burden of what others should have shared. Afflicted with disease, feeble from age and confinement, and ill at ease in mind, he seeks for the relief and rest he so sorely needs.

Tweed, according to the story, transferred to Senator Winslow, in person, \$200,000 to secure the charter of 1870 which gave to the Ring control of the city, and to gain the influence of several Republican members of the Legislature. It was Tweed's understanding with Winslow, at the time, that the money was to be divided between Woodin, Samuel H. Frost, Augustus R. Elwood, Wm. H. Brand, Morris Winslow, James Wood, Isaiah Blood, George Morgan, all of the Senate, and also with Van Pelton, Williams, Crowley, Merriam and Bamont, for their influence in the Legislature.

The confession gives the circumstances of the disposition of the spoils between himself, Sweeney, Hall, Connelley and Woodward. It implicates Gally, Ingersoll, Davidson, Watson and a majority of the Board of Supervisors. Mayor Hall's proportion was ten per cent. He shared nothing in all the profits. I was in full collusion with the various details of the fraud, and was fully aware of the fraudulent nature of the contracts presented for my signature. A document purporting to be a record of the proceedings of the Board of Audit, May 5, 1870, by which Mr. Hall on his trial secured acquittal, on the ground that he acted only in a ministerial character, I would say was manufactured after the exposure. Hugh Hastings, of the Commercial Advertiser, is mentioned as having received a check for \$20,000, and checks for smaller amounts at various times. Mr. Hastings is also credited with diplomatic achievements, of having got Jay Gould and Tweed together, by which the Tammany and Erie rings were operated to their mutual advantage.

The confession also, according to the World, says that all the paintings and book cases in Recorder Hackett's house were paid for out of the funds of the city. He gave the names of five persons, who, he promises, if immunity is given them, will swear to the truth of all his statements. He has preserved all the checks and kept memoranda of all his transactions, all of which will be placed at the disposal of the state. The five persons named are E. D. Barber, ex-Senator James Pierce, A. Frear, Wm. King, and Tweed's former deputy commissioner of public works.

Shortly after the publication of the secret accounts, in July, 1871, Tweed says that Francis M. Bixby, ex-Sheriff, and State Senator James O'Brien came to him, and offered to secure him against any further investigation of his bank accounts, his relations with the city, or indeed from any further trouble, if he would pay \$15,000 towards O'Brien's claim against him for \$298,000, for unpaid fees. The two represented to him that they had such influence over Mr. Tilden, Judge Barrett and Wm. C. Barrett as to immediately quash any further steps in investigation.

The confession concludes with a promise that the writer will be a witness in any suit by the city for the recovery of moneys from any of the persons named. He does not ask that the suits against him be quashed, but that he be released from confinement without bail. Tweed's counsel say, most of those whom he had looked upon as his friends in his palmy days had held themselves aloof from him, while many of them had been looking for their denunciation of him. He asks nothing further from them, and does not propose to recognize any further claims upon him for silence.

Townsend further says that Tweed, as a witness for the people, will be as faithful to the prosecution as he has hitherto been to his associates and confederates in the ring frauds.

WASHINGTON, April 17.—John A. Kasson, of Iowa, has accepted the position of Minister to Spain.

The Grand Duke Alexis, accompanied by Grand Duke Constantine, Admiral Bontakoff, Baron Schillery and several officers of the Russian fleet, arrived here this evening from New York. They repaired to the residence of the Russian minister, whose guests they

will be during their sojourn in Washington. The party will probably call upon the president to-morrow at noon. A diplomatic dinner will be given them next Thursday.

The cabinet to-day, after transacting routine business, had a long and harmonious conversation regarding Louisiana affairs. Nothing was said as to when the order for withdrawing the troops from New Orleans should be issued, it still being an open question of time merely. No communication has been received from the commission since last Thursday. The cabinet also discussed the question of an extra session. It was suggested that it might be consumed in the election of speaker and the appointment of standing committees, and as members might be anxious to close the session before the intense heat of summer, but no action was taken on the subject.

St. Louis, April 18.—No more bodies have been found in the Southern hotel ruins, and but little property of any kind has been taken from them today. The workmen were withdrawn this afternoon on account of rain and the dangerous condition of some of the walls. They will be knocked or pulled down to-morrow, and the search resumed with vigor. The coroner's jury, after an adjournment till this afternoon, visited the ruins to acquire some law-abiding of the ground plan of the hotel, so they may thoroughly examine the witnesses, but they were cautioned by Fire Chief Sexton not to go inside of the walls, and they took their view from a distance. Chief Sexton also ordered the occupants of all buildings south of the west wing on Fifth street to vacate them, on account of their close proximity to the south wall of the hotel. The safe was not raised to-day. It is said it contains a large amount of money and other valuables belonging to the guests.

George S. Jones, Treasurer of Delmar's opera house, sold at auction on "Change to-day several tickets for the benefit of the destitute servant girls of the Southern hotel. Two tickets brought \$100 each, and one was knocked down to the *Union Democrat* for \$50. The benefit promises to be a very generous one.

## RESIDENCE LOTS.

I WANT TO SAY TO ALL PARTIES proposing to build this season, or who wish to improve premises on which to build in the future, that I have desirable building lots in nearly all parts of the city, and I am offering on very favorable terms of payment at low prices and low rate of interest. Many of them are very convenient to business, running in size from 40 feet front and running back to an alley, to an acre and each, and so long as I have lots to sell no one shall have just cause to complain of price, terms of payment, or rate of interest on the deferred payments.

Overseer—South main, Warren & Duffee's, corner East Main and Water streets.

April 17—d&amp;w

H. B. DUFFEE.

## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT.

Smith's Opera House!

ONE NIGHT ONLY.

MONDAY, APRIL 23rd!

THE CELEBRATED

Richings-Bernard

Grand English

Opera Company.

30 ARTISTS 30

With Full Chorus and Orchestra.

—IS THE—

BOHEMIAN GIRL

ADMISSION, ..... 75 and 50 cts.

RESERVED SEATS, ..... \$1.00

which can be had at Abbott's jewelry store

and after Thursday, April 19th, at 9 a. m.

April 17—d&amp;w

I. O. O. F.

58th Anniversary!

GRAND

CELEBRATION

—AT—

CHAMPAIGN,

—ON—

THURSDAY, APR. 26, '77.

EXCURSION FROM DECATUR OVER

THE I. B. &amp; W. R. R.

The train will leave the I. B. &amp; W. Depot

in Decatur, at 7 a. m., and Trip Tickets

will be sold at the following prices:

Decatur to Champaign and return	\$1.30
Green	1.25
Argonia	1.20
Cisco	1.15
Albion	1.10
Monticello	1.05
White Heath	1.00
Seymour	.95
Bundick	.90

Everybody invited. Tickets can be procured

at Mark's book store; also from any of

the undersigned committee, or on the

train.

COMMITTEE.

H. B. DUFFEE, J. L. MORGAN,

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SAMUEL PUNK, HENRY BLENZ,

April 16—d&w

STEAM LAUNDRY

For Rent!

THE undersigned desires to rent his laundry

establishment at the foot of South

Main street. The laundry is supplied with

every convenience, and an abundance of

water—both hard and soft. Apply on the

premises.

O. N. BRAMBLE.

April 11—d&w

Public Notice.

ALL PERSONS ARE HEREBY WARNED

against negotiating for a note given

by the undersigned to Andrew Dennis, for

the sum of four hundred dollars, dated

April 20, 1876, and due in two years after

date, as payment has been stopped upon

the same.

ALEX. BLENZ,

HENRY BLENZ.

Dated April 11th, 1877—d&w

Dec. 13, 1876—d&w

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Decatur, Ill., April 9, 1877—d&w

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REMEMBER THE PLACE—

NO. 21 NORTH WATER ST.

Decatur, March 31, 1877—d&w

The Light Running Singer Sewing Machines.

DO NOT BUY UNTIL YOU HAVE EXAMINED THE

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A full stock of

TUCKERS, RUFFLERS, BINDERS, HEMMERS,

And General Supplies for all Machines.

GENUINE NEEDLES A SPECIALTY.

SILK AND LINEN THREAD.

Repairing done promptly and satisfaction guaranteed, at the SINGER OFFICE,

NO. 26 MERCHANT STREET, DECATUR.

GEO. P. BLUME, Gen'l Agent.

Jan. 15, 1877—d&w

"WILL MARVELS NEVER CEASE!"

SMITH'S OPERA HOUSE,

WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY, APRIL 18 AND 19

Prof. H. COOKE,

AND TALENTED COMPANY,

The Famous Original

EXPOSERS OF SPIRITUALISM!

Embraced by approvals of our them and prominent Divines, Editors, Literati and Nobles.

What Prof. Cooke will Do.

THE CHALLENGE HANDCUFF TRICK.

Defying all efforts to strangle or handcuff him. Bring the best and newest cuffs you can find.

DR. SLADE'S MARVELOUS SLATE WRITING.

A slate held underneath a table by one of the audience, will be written upon by one who is not seen. The communications are brilliant and to the point.

KATIE KING MYSTERY, A LA MRS. HOLMES.

During this session Spirit faces and forms will be plainly visible, and hold conversation with the audience.

DAVENPORT BROS TRICKS IN THE LIGHT.

A committee is selected by the audience to tie the Professor, NOT IN THE CABINET but on the OPEN STAGE and in FULL VIEW of the audience, and secure him in any manner that their ingenuity will suggest. He will escape in one second. While tied the most wonderful hand stations occur; hands will be plainly visible, and can be handled by the committee.

CLAIRVOYANCE AND SEALED LETTER TRICKS.

Illustrating how the mediums gave clairvoyant answers to secretly written questions.

SOLID IRON RING AND CHAIN TRICK.

Iron Rings securely fastened, tied and locked on Professor Cooke (bring your own padlocks), will be instantaneously transferred to his assistant. Fifty dollars reward for any evidence of trickery.

\$500.00 For Any Spirit Manifestation

Which I cannot duplicate, for any medium I cannot expose after witnessing this or better tests.

(Signed) H. COOKE.

PROF. COOKE will be assisted by an entire company, each member performing their specialties. Prof. Cooke stands without a rival, Monarch Supreme of Spirit Mysteries. His friends claim it, his enemies admit it, and the crowded houses everywhere prove it.

A CARD TO THE PUBLIC.

Everything will be conducted with a dignity and honor worthy of the confidence of literary and scientific circles. We are fighting an element that is an avowed enemy to morality and truth, knowing that truth will stand triumphant against the statue of falsehood and the deceiving mountebank. Remember the dates—

Wednesday and Thursday Evenings, April 18th and 19th.

Do not be deceived by the artfully worded advertisements of others calculated to mislead the public.



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**TEMPERANCE MASS MEETING.**

The mass meeting in the interest of temperance, held last evening in the lecture room of the 1st M. E. church, was largely attended, the spacious room being well filled. It had been arranged by the ladies, under whose auspices the meeting was held, that Elder N. S. Haynes should preside, but as he was unexpectedly called out of town, other arrangements were necessary.

At about eight o'clock the meeting was called to order by J. R. Gorin, Esq., who moved that Rev. Dr. Leaton be called to the chair, which motion was carried unanimously.

The meeting was opened by the singing of a temperance song by a select choir, which was followed by prayer from Rev. W. B. Allen, of the Bethel. Another song was sung, and the meeting was declared open for remarks from any one disposed to speak, the chairman saying that it was a kind of experience meeting in which all were invited to participate.

Remarks were made by Rev. Mr. Best, of Stapp's Chapel, Rev. Mr. Bradshaw, Rev. M. S. Kaufman, of Havana, a stranger from Chicago, who was once a hard drinker, also by a reformed inebriate, from Cleveland, and by several other gentlemen, the speaking being interspersed with singing by the choir, with an occasional verse by the congregation.

The meeting was a decidedly spirited one, and was so much of a success that it was decided to hold another on Tuesday evening of next week.

**Words and Pistols.**—Some few weeks ago Mr. Alfred Dennis married a youthful daughter of Mr. Clark Potter, a lame housemaker, the girl being only about fifteen years of age at the time. Their honeymoon, it seems, waned very soon, as only a few weeks after their marriage the child returned to her father's house, giving as a reason for so doing the fact that her husband treated her badly. Under these circumstances of course there was not a very kindly feeling existing between Mr. Potter and his son-in-law, and on Monday they chanced to meet in the vicinity of Block's meat market on Prairie street. Here some words passed between the men, which had a tendency to inflame the ill-feeling which they held toward each other, and when things got pretty hot, Potter pointed a pistol at Dennis, which had the effect to frighten the latter nearly out of his wits, causing him to retreat to the meat market named for safety, where he anxiously inquired for a back door through which he might get out of the way, bystanders soon interfered, and the belligerents separated without any harm to either. In brooding over the matter Dennis seemed to become more and more terrified, and finally swore out a warrant against his antagonist, charging him with an assault with a deadly weapon.

The warrant was served yesterday, and the accused was taken before Justice Albert, where, upon a hearing, he was held to bail in the sum of three hundred dollars, in default of which he was committed to jail. State's Attorney Buckingham appeared for the People, but Mr. Potter conducted his own defense, which he did in a very vigorous manner.

**A Rare Treat.**—Do our people realize that the appearance of an opera company in our city, with full orchestra and chorus, is an event that has never occurred here, but will take place for the first time next Monday night? All lovers of music in this country have heard of Caroline Rielings-Bernard, who has probably dispensed a larger amount of musical entertainment than any other person, and everywhere over this broad land her name is a household word. She is probably not so great an artist as Kelling, or Patti, or Nilsson, (though some cities even place her in the same category), but she can please and gratify a miscellaneous audience better than any one of them. She is, indeed, that rarest of all creatures, a good, honest singer, who depends on no claptrap effects, but gives her hearers the best music she has at her command. Her company at present contains some rare talent. Mr. Benitz, the baritone, is a most charming singer, as all who heard him when he was here before will testify. He has a voice of remarkable purity, and uses it with a degree of skill, which is acquired only by long and careful training. The tenor, Mr. Gates, has never appeared in Decatur, but the press of other cities speaks of him in terms of the highest praise. Mrs. Drayton, the contralto, will be remembered by our people as a singer of the first class, and an actress of a very high order. Of Mrs. Bernard herself it is hardly necessary to speak, since nearly everybody knows her good qualities.

The opera house ought to be filled to its utmost capacity, inasmuch as the opportunity for hearing such an excellent company is not presented to our people once in five years.

**Released on Bail.**—The colored man, McGowan, who was sent to the county jail a few weeks ago for stealing hogs, was released to-day by furnishing the required bail.

**Measures taken for Wilson Bros.**—Shirts, at B. Sine's. [april 17 dwt]

**Dr. Marshall's Lung Syrup** is, without doubt, the most reliable remedy for Coughs, Colds, Bronchitis, Asthma, etc. It never fails to cure in a short time. Call on your druggist, and try a bottle of it, the price is only 25 cents. For sale by all druggists. [april 12 dwt]

**New Furniture, cheaper than dirt,** at Brenor & Stry's. feb 23 dwt

**LIST OF LETTERS.**

Remaining in the Post Office, at Decatur, Macon Co., Ill., uncalled for, April 18, 1877.

Aldrich T. J. Luthicum Evaline  
Anderson J. L. Lane W. J.  
Blankenship Emma Linley W. J.  
Hall Samuel Miller Lizzie  
Borchert Wm. Miller Mary  
Becker Aaron McVinty Frank  
Borchers Annie McNott D. R.  
Boyer Isaac Nardy George  
Brewer Jennie Newell George (col)  
Bas Nettie Park W.  
Crescent Geo. N. Parker Robert  
Crescent P. D. Robbins Cary B.  
Jairus Geo. S. Rudley Hattie  
Conlin Miss Mary Retteman Jane  
Chalmers Wm. Rick John  
Dean Chas. W. Schray Christ  
J. J. Taylor Somers Britton  
Thompson E. L. Thompson E. L.  
Dane William Threlkeld E. L.  
Harp Lysander Wilson Morrison  
Hank W. B. Wilson Wm. H.  
Johns W. M. Walmley W. H.  
Kitty Henry Yancey Ambrose  
Lang Elly

**R. P. LYTLE, P. M.**

**Pianos and Organs.**—We are happy to learn that Mr. C. B. Prescott, the enterprising music dealer, has the Agency for the celebrated Weber Piano, which took the highest prize at the Centennial, and that he is also General Agent for the Western Cottage Organ, the best instrument of its kind known to the trade. Mr. P. has sold pianos to Mr. D. J. Block, Mrs. Dr. Roberts, Mr. D. J. Shultz, Mr. Bishop, and Mr. Jesse Fisher, of Tyson, Pa.—all within two weeks. His rooms are in Post Office block. [april 8 dwt]

**Grand English Opera.**—In the line of entertainments nothing witnessed in Decatur the present season, or at any other time, has excelled that which is to be given at the opera house on Monday night next, it being the rendition of "The Bohemian Girl," by the Rielings-Bernard Grand English Opera Troupe. The company has a full chorus and orchestra, and each performer is an artist of genuine merit. An entertainment of this kind should be appreciated and liberally patronized. We shall expect to see a crowded house.

**Another Expose of Spiritualism.**—This evening those who were prevented by the storm from attending Professor Baldwin's expose of spiritualism, will have an opportunity to witness a similar entertainment by Prof. Cooke, who is said to be fully the equal of Baldwin, and indeed it is claimed that some of his tests are even more striking than those of Mr. B. There will be a crowded house, as doubtless many who saw Baldwin will desire to see Cooke also. We shall expect a striking and deeply interesting exhibition.

**Another Night with Spirits.**—Go and see Prof. Cooke this evening. He claims to handle the spirits without mittens. We call particular attention to his advertisement as indicating what he proposes to do. Prof. Cooke's performances are said to be of the most wonderful and striking character. Everybody should be on hand and see for themselves.

**Masonic.**—Regular meeting of Beaufort Commandery No. 9, K. T., on Thursday evening, April 19th, at 7 o'clock, sharp. A full attendance is requested, as business of importance will be transacted. Also, to make arrangements for the reception of grand officers on Saturday evening.

By order of A. A. MURRAY, E. C.

**NOTICE.**

We will sell at public auction at our store on Prairie street, two doors west of Ham & Cunningham's agricultural store, on Friday, April 20th, for cash in hand, one large Ice Box and Counter, and some Shelving—all suitable for a restaurant or grocery store. Sale to commence at 3 P. M.

April 17 dwt R. N. HAY & BRO.

**Patents procured by L. P. Graham,** at 38 West Wood street. [July 31 dwt]

**John C. Mark, No. 9, East Main St.,** has a full line of new base balls, footballs, marbles, inkstands, paper weights, new style paper ties, which he offers for sale at prices to suit the times.

March 28 dwt

**Best Brooms in the market for 20 cts.** apiece, at Bismor & Stry's.

**If you want half dozen fine shirts** made to order, go to B. Sine. Measure taken for the celebrated Wilson Bros.' Shirts. [april 17 dwt]

**For Sale.**—A good frame dwelling, with seven rooms, eight closets and pantries, cellar, well, cistern and other improvements. Lot 100 by 150 feet, wall filled with bearing fruit trees and vines. Apply at this office. [april 23 dwt]

**Wanted.**—Employment a portion or all of his time as book-keeper, salesman, or otherwise. Address L. R. Republican office. March 23 dwt

**Paper Curtains.**—Three for 25 cents, Bishop & Stry's. feb 23 dwt

**When you call on E. B. Pratt, at 37 North Church street, for your meat and groceries,** you can leave orders for wood, either stove or cord-wood length, which will be promptly delivered in any part of the city. [Nov. 28 dwt]

**Everybody Goes to MILLER'S Restaurant.** jan 3 dwt

**For Rent,** within three blocks of the post office, a pleasant front room, with or without furniture; terms reasonable. Also board for four gentlemen. For information apply at this office. March 13 dwt

**A full line of Wall-Paper, at Bishop & Stry's.** feb 23 dwt

**A WONDERFUL INSTITUTION.**

About twenty years ago a surgeon, on realizing the great array of over two hundred thousand deformed people in the United States, determined to do something to relieve them, and realizing the inadequate means offered for their relief, and the fact that every day was adding to this host of sufferers, he determined to revolutionize, as far as possible, the old mode of treatment of such cases by casting aside the cruel torture of the blisters, setons, cauteries, red-hot irons, bleeding, salivation, and heroic medication, and inaugurate a more rational, humane, and certain method of cure.

The twenty years, with nearly a million of dollars, have been expended in inventing apparatus, machinery, and appliances, and founding institutions for their cure.

Over forty thousand grateful hearts rejoice to-day in the cures made by the National Surgical Institute, with its four great divisions at Philadelphia, Indianapolis, Atlanta and San Francisco. Surgeons of other nations, and the foreign commissioners at the Centennial, paid it homage, and gave it the most eulogistic certificates and commendations.

It exhibited three times as many instruments and appliances for the cure of diseased joints and deformities of the human body, as the United States and all the other nations combined, and of course, received the highest premium, diploma, and medal.

All its methods of cure are rational, scientific, and free from the old torturing and useless and failures of the past. Those who have never visited the institution can form no conception of the great advantages it possesses over all others who may propose to attempt a cure without these facilities. To relieve pain and disease, give motion to stiff joints, correct deformities of all kinds, restore paralyzed limbs, and cure piles and fistulas, diseases peculiar to women, and also diseases peculiar to men, is its mission.

We have learned that on account of the hard times preventing so many sufferers visiting the National Surgical Institute for relief, two or more of the surgeons have consented to visit our city, and will be at the St. Nicholas Hotel, Decatur, Illinois, April 30th, 1877, where we would advise all needing their attention to be sure to call and see them.

They will have with them a large stock of machinery, appliances, supporters, apparatus, and remedies for treating the afflicted.

No fee for examination, and all who cannot be benefited will be frankly told so, while those cured will be charged moderately.

**CAUTION.**—Do not be deceived by impostors who travel over the country, imitating the National Surgical Institute. They are impostors, and have no institution at all. Be sure you employ none but surgeons from this Institute. Send to the National Surgical Institute for circulars. Address either Philadelphia, Penn., or Indianapolis, Ind.

**Good Advice.**

Now is the time of year for Pneumonia, Lung Fever, etc. Every family should have a bottle of Bosque's German Syrup. Don't allow for one moment that cough to take hold of your child, your family or yourself. Consumption, Asthma, Pneumonia, Croup, Hemorrhages, and other fatal diseases may set in. Although it is true German Syrup is curing thousands of these dreaded diseases, yet it is much better to have it at hand when three doses will cure you. One bottle will last your whole family a winter and keep you safe from danger. If you are consumptive, do not rest until you have tried this remedy. Sample bottles 10 cents. Regular size 75 cents. Sold by your druggists, A. J. Stoner, B. F. Gue & Son and Theo. Hildebrandt. [Nov. 15, 1876 dwt]

**Our Druggists** all say they never sold any medicine that gives such universal satisfaction as Dr. Marshall's Lung Syrup for Coughs, Colds, etc. It has no equal. Price 25 cents. For sale by all druggists. [april 2 dwt]

**Wanted.**—At the Farmers' Store, No. 37 North Church street, in exchange for goods and greenbacks, Butter, Eggs, Chickens, Pork, Beef, Potatoes, Corn and Wood. E. B. PRATT. [Nov. 28 dwt]

**Misses' Late-Lace Shoes,** from \$1.75 to \$2, at Barber & Baker's. [March 22 dwt]

**Useful.**—Shultz' patent shirt front supporter is one of the most useful inventions of the age. We have tried it and know it to be simply perfect. J. S. Cox is the sole agent for Macon county, and is selling scores of them. [April 16 dwt]

**For Sale.**—A good two-story residence, with every convenience, and within about two blocks of either square—at a bargain. [April 14 dwt] OVERMIRE & KAUFMAN.

**Men's Plow Shoes,** from \$1.75 to \$2, at BARBER & BAKER'S. [March 22 dwt]

**Fine Neck Wear,** Linen Collars and Cuffs, Suspenders, Gloves, & Hose, &c., at Keeler's Hat Store. [mar 28 dwt]

**The Finest Display of Millinery,** at Theo. A. Gehrmann's. [april 13 dwt]

**For Sale.**—A No. 1 team of work horses, weighing 2,000 lbs. Will be sold for cash, or on time with approved security. Apply at 71 East Eldorado street. W. W. JAMISON. [April 10 dwt]

**100 Dozen French Corsets,** at 75c and \$1.00, just received—the handsomest, best and cheapest corset ever sold. [Oct. 16 dwt] LINN & SCRUGGS.

**20 yards of Unbleached Muslin** for \$1.00, at S. Einstein's. [april 10 dwt]

**The Cheapest Hamburg Embroideries yet offered,** just received by LINN & SCRUGGS. [March 10 dwt]

**Madame Foy's** Skirt-supporting Corsets; Moody's Abdominal Corsets, and Bortree's Adjustable Duplex Corsets, very cheap, at [oct 19 dwt] LINN & SCRUGGS.

**NEVER KNOWN TO FAIL.**

Dr. Morris Syrup of Tar, Wild Cherry and Horehound has never been known to fail in permanently curing obstinate coughs, colds, croup, whooping cough, or any disease of the respiratory organs, and it does it, too, at once. It is not necessary to take it for a long time before you can discover its beneficial effects. Its sale in this community is immense, and its popularity universal. It should not be classed with compounds put up by inexperienced hands. Do not fail to give this great and potent remedy a trial. It will not and cannot disappoint you. Try it once. Trial size 10 cents. Regular sizes 20 cents and one dollar. Sold by your druggists, A. J. Stoner, B. F. Gue & Son and Theo. Hildebrandt. Also agents for Prof. Parker's Pleasant Worm Syrup, which never fails. Pleasant to take, and requires no physic. Price 25 cents. [april 5 dwt]

**White and Colored Shirts** in stock and made to order at Keeler's Hat Store. [mar 28 dwt]

**French Broche Shawls** and Black Gros Grain Dress Silks, at [April 13 dwt] THRO. A. GEHRMANN'S.

**A Large Lot of new Prints** just received, 16 yards for \$1.00, at [April 10 dwt] S. EINSTEIN'S.

**You can get a pair of ladies' kid side-lace shoes** for \$2, at BARBER & BAKER'S. [March 22 dwt]

**A Large Lot of new prints,** at 6¢ cents, at Linn & Scruggs. [Dec 12 dwt]

**DECATUR MARKET REPORT.**

DECATUR, April 18, 1877.

**RETAIL.**

Lard, per lb.	15
Hams, "	16
Shoulder, "	16
Green apples, per bushel	25 00
Potatoes, per bushel	1 00
Onions, per bushel	1 00
Apples, per bushel	1 00 00
Pumpkins, per bushel	25
Chickens, each	50
Cabbage, per head	10 00
Cider, per gallon	10
Vinegar, "	20
Eggs, "	15
Butter, packed, per pound	25
" fresh, "	25
FLOUR—white wheat, 24 pounds	4 00
" red, "	3 75
" superfine, "	3 50
CORN MEAL—4 bushel	1 00
RYE—4 bushel	40 00
CORN—yellow, 4 bushel	40 00
" shelled, per bushel	60
HAY—Timothy, 1 ton	19 00
OATS—4 bushel	19 00

**WHOLESALE.**

WHEAT—Best white, per bushel	1 25
" medium, "	1 00
CORN—per bushel	35
OATS—per bushel	25
RYE—per bushel	25
EGGS—per dozen	12 1/2
LARD—4 bushel	10
BACON—sides	10
HAMS—cured	12 1/2
SHOULDERS—per lb.	8 00
CHICKENS—Live, per hundred	25 00
CATTLE	5 00
POTATOES—per bushel	70
PEACHES—Dried, per bushel	10
APPLES—Green 7 bushel	75

**1877 SPRING 1877**

**DRY GOODS!**

**CARPETS!**

*Oil Cloths, Window Shades, Lace Curtains, Satin, Damask, etc., etc.*

**LINN & SCRUGGS**

Are receiving and have on Sale all the Novelties in British and French

**DRESS GOODS!**

Embracing every Shade and Grade, and at lower rates than have been offered since the War. Also a New and Elegant Stock of

**CARPETS,**

As low in price as they can be had anywhere in the United States.

Decatur, March 15, 1877—dwt

**GOLD! GOLD!**

Taken in exchange for

**BOOTS AND SHOES**

—AT—

**L. L. FERRISS'S STORE,**

or its equivalent in paper or silver, at One Dollar per pair on **BOOTS**, and Fifty cts. per pair on **SHOES**—less than any other store in Decatur is selling them. **ONE PRICE.**

Large invoices BURT'S SHOES just received.

**L. L. FERRISS.**

April 10, 1877—dwt

**City Book Store.**

**VELOCIPEDES!**

We have just received a line of the Handsomest and Best Velocipedes ever shown in the city, which we will sell at VERY LOW PRICES. Please compare before purchasing.

A fresh stock of the Celebrated "Mahn" and "Spalding"

**BASE BALLS!**

Just opened, at prices lower than ever before. Also,

**BALL BATS, GUIDES, &C.**

Also, a Complete Stock of

**BOOKS!**

Family and Pocket Bibles, Brackets, Picture Frames, &c.

**J. M. Stookey & Co.**

17 East Main-St., DECATUR, - ILLINOIS.

March 28, 1877—dwt

**OVERMIRE & KAUFMAN,**

**REAL ESTATE.**

**Insurance, Loan**

**COLLECTING AGENTS.**

**MONEY LOANED.**

Notes Bought and Sold, Houses Rented and Taxes Paid. Special Attention given to Renting Houses. All business entrusted to us will receive careful and prompt attention.

**OFFICE:**

OVER THE DECATUR NATIONAL BANK

March 14, 1877—dwt

**Administrator's Notice**

Estate of IRENE BRANSTETTER, deceased. PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given to all persons having claims and demands against the estate of Irene Branstetter, deceased, to present the same for adjudication and settlement at a regular term of the County Court of Macon county, to be held at the Court House, in the city of Decatur, on the third Monday of June, A. D. 1877, being the first day of said term. Decatur, Ill., April 17th, A. D. 1877. L. L. WOOD, Administrator.

**THE KANSAS CITY ADJUSTABLE**

**SPRING BED BOTTOM!**

Having purchased the right to manufacture the above-named **SPRING BED** for Northwestern Illinois, I am prepared to fill all orders promptly. Orders left with R. ASHBY will receive prompt attention.

**OFFICE AND MANUFACTORY—Corner Cerro Gordo and Franklin St., Decatur, Illinois.**

Decatur, Ill., April 7, 1877—dwt

**S. A. UNDERWOOD.**





